

FORMER GOVERNOR BICKETT DIED AFTER STROKE OF PARALYSIS

DEATH THIS MORNING

The Former Governor Was Evidently in the Best of Health Yesterday Until Last Night While, Attending His Wife He Was Suddenly Stricken Who Was Slightly Ill; Physicians Held Out No Hope for Recovery from the First; Burial Will Take Place at Louisburg.

Raleigh, Dec. 28.—Former Governor Thos. W. Bickett who suffered a stroke of paralysis at his home last night died at 9:15 this morning without regaining consciousness.

The former governor who was apparently in the best health and spirits was stricken while he was seated beside the bed of Mrs. Bickett who is slightly ill. He immediately lapsed into unconsciousness and never came out of this state of coma. His physicians from the first held out absolutely no hope for his recovery his entire right side being affected. Strong restoratives were administered throughout the night, but without the desired effect.

The end came peacefully this morning, Mrs. Bickett and their only child, William, relatives and old friends being at his bedside.

The body of the former governor will lie in state in the rotunda of the State capital from 9 a. m. to 11 a. m., when it will be carried to the Christ church of which Mr. Bickett was a member and where funeral services will be conducted by Rev. Milton Barber at 11:30. Following services at the church the body will be taken through the country to Louisburg 37 miles north of here where the funeral will occur late tomorrow.

As soon as the news of the former governor's death was announced the flags on all the state buildings were lowered to half mast.

Thos. Walter Bickett was born in Monroe, Union County on Feb. 28, 1869. He was the son of T. W. and Mary A. Bickett. He was the oldest of four children, whose father died when he was but 13 years old. After attending the public schools at Monroe young Bickett worked his way through Wake Forest graduating with the class of 1890. He taught school for two years and entered the

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AMERICA MAKES MORE TOYS NOW

More Than One Hundred Million Dollars Was Spent by Americans for Toys.

New York, Dec. 28.—More than \$100,000,000 was spent by the American people for toys and games during 1921, the National City Bank has figured. The factory value of the toys manufactured in this country has more than doubled it is estimated since the war cut off the supply from Germany the chief source of America's toy import.

The value of toys made here in 1919 was given as \$46,000,000 as compared with \$14,000,000 five years previously. Capital invested in the American industry advanced from \$10,000,000 in 1914 to \$25,000,000 in 1919.

Toys imports declined from \$8,000,000 in 1913 to \$1,000,000 in 1918 and to \$10,000,000 in 1921. Exports while imports rose in 1920 to \$6,000,000, ports of American toys jumped from less than one to four million last year.

HARDING NOT LIKELY TO COME TO PINEHURST.

Washington, Dec. 28.—While there was no official statement indications were that President Harding had abandoned his tentative plan to spend a portion of the holiday at Pinehurst, N. C.

President Harding had a full list of engagements for the day and the indications were the cabinet would meet Friday as usual.

HOME TOWN PROUD OF ITS OWN HERO

Terre Haute Going to Give Debs Royal Welcome Whether it Approves of His Policy or Not.

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 28.—A home town welcome awaited the return here tonight of Eugene V. Debs Socialist leader, who was released from prison Sunday through commutation of his ten year sentence. Friends and neighbors regardless of their own views of Debs' doctrine as well as his followers were expected to meet the train and escort him to his home.

Mrs. Debs said she would not go to the station preferring her reunion with her husband be alone in the privacy of their home.

WARMER TOMORROW.

For North Carolina: Fair tonight and probably Thursday. Warmer Thursday and in the extreme western portion tonight with moderate to fresh northeast and east shifting to southerly winds.

DEMOCRATS HOLD RALLY

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 28.—Cordele Hull, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and who is to be honor guest at the Democratic get-together banquet tonight is devoting the day to arousing the militant spirit of the Tennessee Democracy.

Tonight's banquet is planned as recognition of the high party honor conferred on a Tennesseean. Leading Democrats from all over the State are here for the celebration.

The day's program began with a mittie this morning, attended by the National chairman who later delivered an address to a gathering of Democrats in the House of Representatives. Mr. Hull and Finnis Garrett are to be the principal speakers at tonight's banquet.

WILSON HAS A QUIET DAY

Washington, Dec. 28.—Former President Wilson quietly spent his 65th birthday at his home here.

While no change from the daily program of the Wilson household was planned, many cablegrams, telegrams and letters containing congratulations were delivered at the Wilson home. Several of the more intimate friends called to extend their greetings in person.

TITLE OF "DUKE OF VICTORY" CONFERRED ON GENERAL DIAZ

Rome, Dec. 26.—King Victor Emmanuel today conferred the title of "Duke of Victory" upon General Armando Diaz, commander of the Italian armies during the war.

The title will be hereditary and will be assumed by the first-born son of each generation of General Diaz's descendants.

GENERAL NEWS

Over nine hundred American soldiers left Coblenz yesterday for Antwerp where they will sail for the United States.

Brooding over his partially helpless condition caused by paralysis is believed to have caused the suicide of William J. Powers of New York the morning after Christmas.

Fred K. Bauvais, the Indian guide, correspondent in the James A. Stillman divorce suit, will be seen soon in a five reel movie, "The Lonely Trail" which he wrote as starring vehicle for himself.

DAVE NORWOOD TO HEAD DEMOCRATS IN THIS STATE

MEETING IN NEW BERN

Thomas D. Warren Will Resign as State Chairman and Nobody is Expected to Voice Any Opposition to Norwood; One New Member to be Elected.

(By Max Abernethy.)

Raleigh, Dec. 28.—Dave Norwood of Salisbury will have virtually a clear field for State chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee when Thomas D. Warren of New Bern lays his resignation before that body at the meeting here tonight at 8:30 o'clock.

The meeting tonight is called for the single purpose of accepting Mr. Warren's resignation and of naming the man who will succeed him as head of the Democratic party's campaign forces in North Carolina. There is also one vacancy to be filled in the committee's membership which was caused by the death of Edgar Love of Lincolnton. Aside from these two things and the drafting of resolutions to the dead member and to the retiring chairman nothing else is expected.

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MARKETS

COTTON.

New York, Dec. 28.—The cotton market showed renewed firmness early today with buying encouraged by steady Liverpool cables and continued reports of an improving business in cotton goods. The opening was steady at a decline of from 1 to an advance of 8 points, January being relatively easy, owing to the circulation of notices estimated at 3500 bales.

New York, Dec. 28.—Cotton futures opened steady, Jan. 18.85, Mar. 18.85, May 18.33, July 17.92, Oct. 16.95.

N. Y. COTTON OPENED

Jan. 18.84, Mar. 18.82, May 18.33, July 17.92, Oct. 17.00.

N. Y. COTTON CLOSED

Jan. 18.85, Mar. 18.74, May 18.30, July 17.87, Oct. 16.95.

12 O'CLOCK MARKET

Jan. 18.85, Mar. 18.85, May 18.39, July 17.92, Oct. 17.03.
Spots Wilson market 17c.

COTTON SEED OIL.

Jan. 845, Feb. 857, Mar. 878, Apr. 885, May 898, June 915, July 924, Dec. 830.

CHICAGO GRAIN OPENED

Wheat, May 1.15 7-8, July 1.04 1-2 Dec. 1.12.
Corn, May 54 1-2, July 56, Dec. 48 3-8.
Oats, May 38 7-8, July 39 5-8, Dec. 34 1-8.

CHICAGO GRAIN CLOSED

Wheat, May 1.16 1-8, July 1.05 1-8 Dec. 1.12 1-4.
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LIVERPOOL OPENED

Jan. 11.34, Mar. 11.30, May 11.22, July 11.07, Oct. 10.56.

LIVERPOOL CLOSED

Jan. 11.24, Mar. 11.21, May 11.13, July 10.98, Oct. 10.42.

MAY, RISE

Opened 815; closed 820.
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A RELEASED DEBS MAY ABUSE MERCY OF MR. HARDING

MAY MAKE TROUBLE

The Sentimentality of the Christmas Season Gave Impetus to the Movement for the Release of Debs Who Has Not Pledged Himself to Remain Silent.

(By David Lawrence.)

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Washington, Dec. 27.—Eugene V. Debs has left behind here a trail of mingled emotions. The administration which set him free is somewhat sadder and wiser this morning.

For both President Harding and Attorney General Daugherty, who have tried their gospel of "understanding" in trying to convert Debs to a life of peace instead of agitation are not so sure that they have succeeded. Their disposition is to say no more about the case and hope that Debs will not abuse the liberty that has been given him by becoming a center for more agitation, a rallying device for radicalism and professional exploitation of the working classes.

The Harding administration tried a unique experiment—one that has been befuddled somewhat in mystery because of the very delicacy of the undertaking. It is a fact that Debs could have had a pardon long ago if he would have agreed to withdraw the views he expressed against this country's entrance into the war. It is a fact that he never would have been convicted if he had not made a fiery speech in the courtroom before the jury going even further than ever before in his denunciation of the war and his threats to do all in his power to prevent America's success by discouraging enlistment.

For months the Harding administration has been besieged on every side to release Debs. First it was the radical group who believed that Debs was wrongly imprisoned and of course had a right to be set free. Then there developed a sentiment movement based mostly on arguments of sympathy for the advanced age of the socialist leader. Liberals who themselves didn't agree with Debs' extreme philosophy joined in the petition for his release. Attorney General Daugherty tried several months ago by a personal talk with Debs in Washington to convince the socialist leader of the error of his views but he failed. The administration was regretful that it could not then have brought Debs to its own viewpoint and announced his release. Finally, the sentimentality of the Christmas season gave the final impetus to the movement for the release of Debs and the administration yielded.

But in deciding to give Debs his liberty, the President and the attorney general knew from experience with radicals that it would be a mistake to impose conditions on Debs—to threaten him or use coercion in trying to enforce silence. The answer of the radical is that he will never yield to coercion and that every man has liberty of action and of thought. There is a conflict of statement as to whether Debs came to Washington voluntarily or involuntarily but the fact is he was given transportation to the national capital and arrangements were made in advance to give him an audience at both the White House and the Department of Justice.

Mr. Harding had never seen Debs. He had been told for months of the wonderful personality of the aged socialist. He really wanted to meet him and talk with him. The President wondered how a man of such remarkable personality could hold such subversive views. The interview was a pleasant one, Mr. Harding had nothing to say afterwards. The socialist leader made no promises as to his future attitude. The administration merely expressed its hopes that he would not lend himself to exploitation commercially or otherwise. It

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DR. KILGORE AND MR. LARRY MOORE DELIVER TALKS

CO-OPERATIVE MARKETS

Dr. Kilgore Said That Co-operative Marketing is Assured in North Carolina, That Every Warehouse in Kentucky Except Six Has Come Into the Association.

While President Stone at the head of the Burley Tobacco Association of Kentucky, who had an appointment to speak here today, was unable to be present on account of business connected with the Kentucky organization, able addresses were delivered by Dr. B. W. Kilgore at the head of Farm demonstration work in this State, and Hon. Larry I. Moore of New Bern. These gentlemen were frequently interrupted with applause as they showed the farmer that the only solution to securing a steady and remunerative price for their commodities is to control the buying and selling end of their products.

Dr. S. H. Crocker of Stantonburg, President of the Wilson County Association presided at the meeting and introduced the speakers. During the course of his remarks he stated that he had lately visited a number of markets in Virginia and found the farmers signing up and eager and anxious for the Association. Dr. Kilgore spoke first and was introduced by Dr. Crocker as the man who had done much for the farmers of the state in connection with his department, and that what he said could be relied on, and that it was regrettable that Mr. Stone was unable to be present.

Dr. Kilgore began by saying that the success of co-operative marketing

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MCCORMICKS ARE DIVORCED

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Edith R. McCormick, daughter of John D. Rockefeller, Sr., was granted a divorce from Harold F. McCormick, president of the International Harvester Company in Superior Court here today.

No provision for alimony was included in the divorce decree which was signed in court by Judge Chas. A. McDonald after Mrs. McCormick had filed a suit for divorce on charges of desertion.

FRANCE TO RELEASE SHORTLY LAST OF GERMAN PRISONERS

Paris, Dec. 26.—The last German prisoners held in France will shortly be delivered to the German authorities.

All of these were held for civil offenses for the last three years, is the result of an agreement concluded recently between France and Germany and is based on the fact that French prisoners similarly held in Germany had been released.

Twenty-four prisoners held at Avignon have already been turned over to the German authorities and preparations are being made to surrender the remaining twenty-nine shortly.

IMPETUS GIVEN WILSON FUND

New York, Dec. 28.—Women from all over the United States were here today to attend a luncheon commemorating the birthday of Woodrow Wilson at the same time they were to celebrate the anniversary of the plan to honor the former president.

Plans for raising at least one million dollars as a fund to endow periodic awards for meritorious service to "democracy, public welfare, liberal thought or peace through justice" were announced to be making progress.

The campaign for this fund will begin on January 14.

FRANCE'S DEMAND FOR SUBMARINES KILLS AGREEMENT

PROPOSALS REJECTED

France Declares She Must Have a Maximum Tonnage of 90,000 Tons Which She Thinks Necessary for the Protection of Her Coast and Maritime Interests.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Hope for an agreement to limit submarine tonnage was declared abandoned today at the meeting of the arms conference naval committee.

A demand by France for a minimum submarine tonnage of 90,000 tons was declared by delegates to have closed the door to any agreements the American proposal being rejected completely by the French. Casting aside the possibility of harmonizing views on submarine tonnage the American delegation brought forth proposals to limit submarines and auxiliary craft to a maximum of 10,000 tons.

The presentation of the French view point based on calculations of her naval experts and reinforced by the French cabinet meeting in Paris yesterday was followed by a lengthy discussion.

Washington, Dec. 28.—France's last word on the question of limitation of submarine tonnage—a reiteration of her claims as set forth last week by her naval experts will be delivered today to the arms conference it was said by members of the French delegation as they went into today's meeting of the conference of the naval committee.

Reports that there might be further discussion with a view of persuading France to pare down her claims were received by members of the delegation as a "joke."

Delegation members went on to say that France after consultation with her highest naval experts and the decision reported reached yesterday by the council of ministers could not possibly in any way reduce the ratio of submarines which she considers indispensable for her safety.

Admiral De Bon in outlining the needs of France for protection of her coast colonies and maritime communities gave the approximate estimate of submarines at 90,000 tons. The American compromise proposal contemplates that France maintain her existing submarine strength amounting to 31,000 tons.

ASK RECEIVERSHIP OF KLAN PROPERTY

Judge Pendleton Granted Temporary Injunction Against the Klan for Money.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 28.—Receivership of all property, funds, documents and records of the Ku Klux Klan is sought in a petition filed in Fulton Superior Court by 170 "bona fide" members of the Klan headed by four deposed Grand Goblines.

Judge J. T. Pendleton granted a temporary injunction against the Klan for property and money except for ordinary expenses which must not include salaries of the employees of the organization.

NEGRO COLLEGE PAYS TRIBUTE TO BICKETT.

Salisbury, Dec. 28.—Livingston College, well known negro institution Dr. D. C. Sugg, president, upon learning of the death of former Governor Bickett today, called a meeting of faculty and students and observed memorial services forwarding to Mrs. Bickett resolutions of condolence. Dr. Sugg said Mr. Bickett was a firm friend of the institution.